



Sustainability Plan Update

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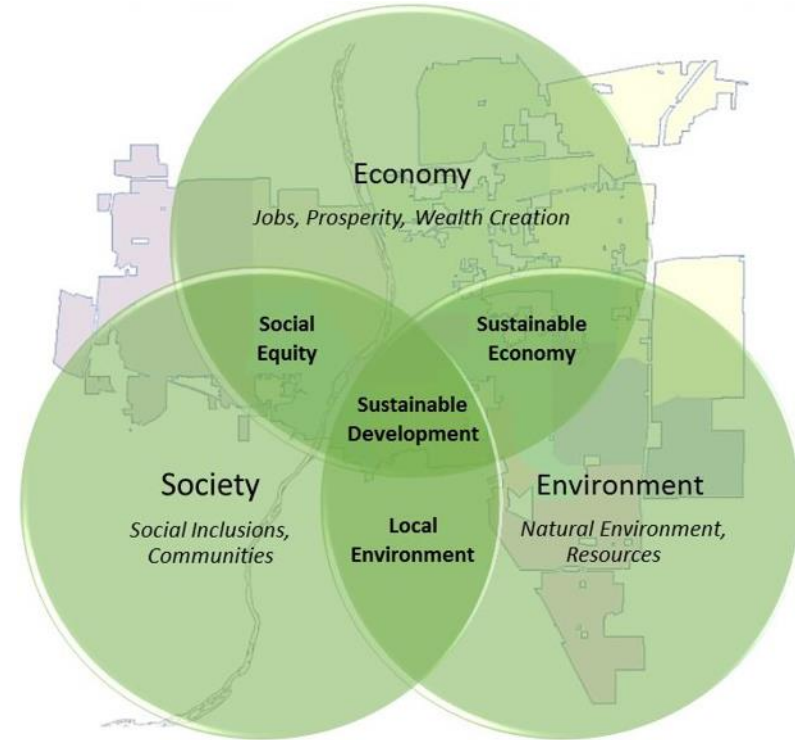
Each year, the Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board attempts to influence positive changes in the city government and our citizens. In 2016, the board created an updated sustainability plan. It's time to make it official.

Introduction



History

- The City of Aurora approved its first Sustainability Plan in 2009.
- A Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board was created in 2014.
- The first task the board decided to undertake was to create an updated sustainability plan to address ongoing issues, concerns and opportunities.





Proposed Changes

Major Changes in the Plan

- Simplified the plan while adding sections missing in the original plan
- Three additional focus areas were added: Climate, Resilient Community, and Environmental Justice
- The plan moved from being task oriented to strategic
- Greater interconnection to Chicago Metropolitan Region while maintaining a clear Aurora perspective



Framework

- The sustainability plan update of 2016, was restructure using the Greenest Region Compact 2 from the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus as a template.
- The Board also shifted from a task oriented perspective in the first plan to a more strategic focus.
- The updated plan is easier to understand and track over time.



Focus Areas



Substantial Changes

Sustainability Plan 2009	Sustainability Plan 2019
Community Development and Land Use	Community Development and Land Use
Transportation and Infrastructure	Transportation and Infrastructure
Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Management	Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Management
Waste Minimization, Reuse and Recycling	Waste Minimization, Reuse and Recycling
Water Quality and Conservation	Water Quality and Conservation
Education and Engagement	Education and Engagement
	Climate
	Resilient Community
	Environmental Justice



Working with the Updated Plan

How the Plan Works

- Each focus area includes tactics to create a more environmentally friendly Aurora.
- The Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board offers suggestions and assistance to the City in transforming the plan into reality.
- The plan is well-suited to working with other cities in Illinois and abroad for best practice sharing.
- Once a year a report will be published to share achievements and progress with the public.



Next Steps

- Make the plan official, and share with the public on the Aurora website.
- Continue to share City of Aurora progress in the quarterly Sustainable Aurora newsletter.
- Publish accomplishments in an annual report.



Questions?

Thank You!